



# AN ENGAGED UNIVERSITY

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# THIS IS



# 23,000+ STUDENTS

**77%**  
HISPANIC



**54%**  
FEMALE



**69%**

from ZIP codes with per capita  
income of less than \$19,900  
per year



**80%**

grew up  
in El Paso

**60%** REMAIN IN  
THE REGION



**20%**

have parents who  
did not graduate  
from high school

**49%** CARE FOR  
DEPENDENTS



**62%**

are the first in their  
family to graduate  
from college



# NATIONALLY RANKED TOP 10 UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON MONTHLY MAGAZINE 2014

The **Washington Monthly's national college rankings** rate schools based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: **social mobility** (recruiting and graduating low-income students), **research** (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.D.s), and **service** (encouraging students to give something back to their community).

[topten.utep.edu](http://topten.utep.edu)

## CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies UTEP as a community engaged institution. The classification is elective and is granted to institutions that demonstrate institutional commitment to community engagement through their mission, identity, infrastructure, and academic, co-curricular and outreach practices.



## PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

The University of Texas at El Paso has been included on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The presidential award is the highest federal recognition an institution can receive for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.



# RANKED #1 SOCIAL MOBILITY

WASHINGTON MONTHLY MAGAZINE 2014

The **social mobility category** seeks to measure universities' success in outperforming predictions for the graduation of first-generation and low-income students.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

560,581

ANNUAL  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$13,117,595

VOLUNTEER  
SERVICE VALUE

# MEETING UTEP'S MISSION THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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The University of Texas at El Paso is **dedicated to the advancement of the El Paso region through teaching and learning, creative and artistic production, and the generation, interpretation, application and dissemination of knowledge.** UTEP embraces its **role as an intellectual, cultural and socioeconomic asset to the region, offering programs to meet human resource needs and contribute to the quality of life.**

As a public university, UTEP is committed to providing access and educational opportunity to the people of the El Paso Del Norte region and the State of Texas. UTEP's mission of ensuring access is coupled with a commitment to excellence reflected in rigorous programs, which **prepare students to make significant contributions to their professions, their communities and the world.**

As a research/doctoral institution, UTEP fosters a **climate of scholarly inquiry, with a special focus on applying innovative interdisciplinary approaches to explore and address major issues that confront the multicultural U.S.-Mexico border region.**

# PUBLIC SERVICE

UTEP Strategic Plan 2008-2015

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UTEP's role as a major asset to the human and economic development and quality of life of the Paso del Norte region extends well beyond its teaching and research programs. UTEP's faculty, staff and students offer their talents, expertise, time and energy to a variety of community organizations and initiatives. Through cultural and arts programming, athletic events, continuing education and lifelong learning, and a broad range of outreach initiatives, UTEP stimulates, coordinates and conducts activities that contribute to an improved quality of life in the region and enhance students' educational experiences. During the next decade, we will continue these many efforts and develop and articulate further UTEP's role in promoting the economic development and quality of life of the surrounding region.

- 1 Continue to exemplify an engaged, community-centered institution that fosters human, cultural and social development and enhances the quality of life of people in the region**
- 2 Foster alignment between UTEP's teaching, learning and research activity and the individual and collective public service commitment of UTEP students, faculty and staff**
- 3 Articulate broadly UTEP's commitment to identify and address the needs of the Paso del Norte region, and develop programs and special initiatives that most effectively leverage UTEP's capacity to respond to those needs**
- 4 Develop strategies to enhance UTEP's role as a major economic asset to the Paso del Norte region**
- 5 Foster expansion of UTEP's technology transfer, commercialization and entrepreneurship activity**
- 6 Continue to foster the competitive success of UTEP's Intercollegiate Athletics Program, and the academic performance and good citizenship of student-athletes**



# INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## RESEARCH

Community-based participatory research  
Practice-based research

## TEACHING

Community-based academic learning

- Practicum-based learning
- Service-learning
- Field experiential learning
- Clinicals

## SERVICE

Community service  
Volunteerism  
General outreach



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEFINED

UTEP embraces the Carnegie Foundation's definition of community engagement as the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

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**At UTEP, collaboration contributes to the goal of achieving national research university status through institution-wide engaged and integrated research, teaching and service.**

**Partnerships are developed, deployed and evaluated with substantial participation from all involved parties.**

**Provost's Task Force on Community Engagement, 2012**

# ACADEMIC

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## SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

Service learning is a teaching method through which students learn academic content by applying newly acquired skills in real-life situations. In collaboration with community organizations, students engage in service projects that meet actual community needs and offer opportunities for reciprocity, community-based teaching and learning, and mutually beneficial outcomes.

**In 2012-13, service learning was integrated in over 160 course sections, and 4000+ students participated.**

## CAPHSR

Since 2009, the Community & Academic Partnership for Health Science Research and Education (CAPHSR), based in the College of Health Sciences, has sought innovative ways to advance health professional education and community-based participatory research. Through networking and workshops, this partnership brings together over 40 community agencies, UTEP students and faculty to collaborate in mutually beneficial projects, research and health professions training.

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UTEP





## PRACTICUM / FIELD WORK PLACEMENTS

Through partnerships and affiliation agreements with medical centers, private clinics, and community health centers, UTEP health sciences and nursing students gain real-life skills during field placements. These partnerships provide gateways for successful hands-on training for students in physical therapy, speech language pathology, social work and other health-related disciplines.



# CO-CURRICULAR

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## COMMUNITY WORK-STUDY

UTEP designates 22% of its work-study allocations (triple the federal mandate) for community-based partnerships where students are matched with nonprofit organizations in service-oriented internships.

## PROJECT MOVE (MINER OPPORTUNITIES IN VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES)

Project Move Is UTEP's day of service in which over 1,500 students, faculty and staff come together on a Saturday to serve more than 75+ community partner organizations in a variety of needed tasks and activities.



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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UTEP





# 7,000+

HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE  
THROUGH PROJECT MOVE IN 2014

# 1,624

STUDENTS

# 78

AGENCIES

# 1

DAY

Project Move 2014

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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## NUESTRA CASA INITIATIVE

The Nuestra Casa Initiative (Our Home) was an award-winning partnership with the El Paso community where faculty, students, community agencies, and public and policy entities came together to develop a robust, multidisciplinary approach to bring change and awareness around the negative impacts of tuberculosis.

[www.nuestracasainitiative.net](http://www.nuestracasainitiative.net)

## EL PASO COLLABORATIVE

The El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence is recognized as one of the most innovative and effective PreK-16 education reform initiatives in Texas and across the nation. At the core of the Collaborative's action agenda is the belief that all children, regardless of race or ethnicity or the neighborhood in which they live, are entitled to a first-rate education and to effective educators who believe in them.

[www.epcae.org](http://www.epcae.org)

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UTEP

2013 C. Peter Magrath  
Community Engagement  
Award Finalist





# MUSEO URBANO



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Museo Urbano (museum of the streets) is a community project through UTEP's History Department that highlights the rich history and culture of El Segundo Barrio, the Ellis Island of the Southwest. It was inspired by eco-museum and community museum movements that grew out of a grass-roots exploration of community traditions and sense of place and identity. It is intended to create community experiences that raise awareness about the neighborhood's historic value. It includes historical exhibits, murals and workshops as well as walking tours.

## 2013 Outstanding Public History Project Award

National Council on Public History

[ncph.org](http://ncph.org)



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND OUTREACH

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## Professional and Public Programs (P3)

Professional and Public Programs (P3) offers a wide range of non-credit and credit community enrichment and language programs to the regional community including business, government, and public entities. P3 is also responsible for the popular summer enrichment programs for K-12 children called The Kids on Campus Programs.

[admin.utep.edu/p3](http://admin.utep.edu/p3)

## GRANT LIBRARY

Through the University Library, UTEP is a Cooperating Collection site of the Foundation Center, providing free access to online databases of active national funders as well as print resources on location for community organizations. Regular trainings are offered to community organizations on how to utilize the database to search for grants, as well as grant writing basics.

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UTEP

UTEP welcomes the community on its campus through a variety of cultural, educational, and athletic offerings

### Events

Minerpalooza  
Sporting events  
Orange & Blue Day  
Lecture Series  
Movies on the Lawn

### Venues

Centennial Museum  
Sun Bowl Stadium  
Don Haskins Center  
University Library  
UTEP Dinner Theater

THE UTEP FAMILY  
PROMOTING THE  
COLLEGE-GOING  
MESSAGE  
ALL IN ONE DAY  
(OCTOBER 3, 2014)



## UTEP CELEBRATES

The UTEP Celebrates Program took place in 2014 when over 1,300 volunteers made up of students, faculty, staff and alumni formed teams to visit 250+ schools in Region 19, connecting with more than 185,000 children through a college-going message; for some children, this was the first time anyone ever invited them to think about going to college.

**185,000**  
STUDENTS

**269**  
SCHOOLS

**12**  
DISTRICTS

# CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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The Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) was established in 1998 to coordinate and support partnerships between faculty and students and community organizations. The CCE is an institutionalized unit within the University and is housed under the Office of the Provost. The CCE also is supported by Faculty Fellows in-residence responsible for helping to build a core of community engaged scholars on campus.

## MISSION

**To enhance higher education and contribute to the public good through community-based teaching and learning initiatives that enrich student education, promote civic engagement, and improve the community while capitalizing on the region's and UTEP's social and intellectual capital.**



Center for  
Civic Engagement

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO



## CCE GOALS

- Increase student and faculty engagement
- Support community-engaged scholarship
- Improve documentation, assessment and dissemination efforts
- Positively impact community

## THE CCE'S PROGRAMMING INCLUDES:

- Service-learning programs
- Community work-study internships
- Community service through the Miner Volunteer Corps
- Student poll worker training and recruitment
- High school community leadership training (CYnergy)
- Trainings for nonprofit organizations
- Community educational and awareness partnership events



# PLANNING AND THE FUTURE

UTEP is deliberate about its level of community engagement and thus established the Community Engagement Task Force in 2012. The Task Force documented internal and external best practices and models of community engagement and produced a prioritized list of recommendations for areas of improvement and innovation. One key recommendation was the establishment of the Community Engagement Council, which is a standing group, dedicated to advancing engagement on campus.

# COMMUNITY PARTNER APPRECIATION EVENT

Through the Community Appreciation Event, UTEP highlights the work contributed by community partners to student success as co-teachers of its students. By opening their doors, community-based organizations expand the learning environment of students, providing and enhancing opportunities for experiential learning. The event provides an opportunity to honor the organizations and individuals who make such partnerships work.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



A.Y.U.D.A.

Ability Connection Texas

Accion Texas, Inc

Adult Probation

Advocacy Center for Children

Afterschool Program

Alliance of Border Collaboratives

Alzheimer's Association

American Cancer Society

American GI Forum Veterans

American Red Cross El Paso Area

Animal Rescue League

Annciation House

Anthony ISD

Armijo Library

Armijo Youth Outreach/Chihuahuaita Project

Army Community Service

Association of Fundraising Professionals ? West  
TX/Southern NM Chapter

Avance

Benvivir Senior Health Services

Better Business Bureau

Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso

Border Human Rights Network

Border Immersion Program

Border Senses

Border TM Industries

Boy & Girls Club of El Paso

Boys and Girls Scout

Candlelighters of West TX

Canutillo ISD

Casas Por Cristo

Center Against Family Violence

Center for Accommodations and Support Services

Center for Community Empowerment Systems

Center for Employment Training

Center for Therapeutic Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Central El Paso Community Organization

Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe

Child Crisis Center

Clardy Fox Library

Clint ISD

Coalition for Family Economic Progress

Consulado de Mexico en El Paso Ventanilla de Salud

Creative Kids

Crime Scene Unit Forensics

DEA

Dell City ISD

Derest View UCC Church

Desert Mountain AHEC

Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services Inc.

Downtown Artist and Farmers Market

Edumobile, Inc

El Neighborhood Services

El Paso Bridges Academy

El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic  
Development

El Paso Country Nutrutuon Program

El Paso County Attorney's Teen Court

El Paso County Elections Office

El Paso County Sherriff's Office

El Paso Diabetes Association

El Paso Exploreum Children's Museum

El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center

El Paso Humane Sociey

El Paso ISD

El Paso Leadership Academy

El Paso Museum of History

El Paso Police Department

El Paso Skatepark Association

El Paso Villa Maria

El Paso Zoo

El Paso's District Attorney's Office-Domesitc Violence Unit

EIFIDA P. Chavez Elementary

EP Country Department of Mental Health Support Services

EPCC Rio Grande Border Health Clinic

Esperanza A. Moreno Library

Fabens ISD

Familias Triunfadoras

Family Service of El Paso

First Tee of Greater El Paso

Fort Bliss Volunteer Opportunites

Fort Hancock ISD

Four Bit Horse Farm

Franklin Heights Nursing Center

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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Franklin Heights Nursing Center  
Get Covered America  
Girl Scouts of the Southwest Desert  
Greenhouse Cancer Foundation  
Hemophilia Outreach  
Horizon Health Care  
Hospice of El Paso  
Houchen Community Center  
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey  
International AIDS empowerment  
International Museum of Art  
Jose Cisneros Cielo Vista Library  
Judge Edward Marquez Library  
Junior Achievemnet of the Desert Southwest, Inc  
Junior Achievement  
Junior Women's Club of El Paso  
Juvenile Justice Center  
Keep Vinton Beautiful  
Kids N Company  
La Familia del Paso, Inc  
La Fe Montana Vista Community Resource Center  
La Posada Home  
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center  
Latinitas  
Lee and Beulah Moor Children's Home  
Loya Family YMCA  
LULAC National Educational Service Centers  
Lydia Patterson Institute  
Memorial Park Library  
Miracle League of El Paso  
Model Cities - El Paso  
Montevista at Coronado  
Moose On Duty- Elida P. Chavez  
Mother/Daughter-Father Son Program

Mountain Health Care  
Mountain Villa Nursing  
Mujer Obrera  
Mustard Seed Community Café  
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill  
Opportunity Center  
Paso del Norte Academy  
Paso del Norte Children's Development Center  
Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project  
Paso del Norte Health Foundation  
Paul L Foster School of Medicine  
Pet Guardian Angel  
Project Bravo  
Project Concern International  
Project Vida  
Public Defenders Office  
Rebuling Together El Paso  
Reynolds Home  
Rio Grande Area Agency On Aging  
Rio Vista Community Center  
Ronald McDonald House  
Safe Haven  
Salvation Army  
San Elizario ISD  
SEISD - Adult Education Program  
Sierra Blanca ISD  
Sierra Providence East Network  
Sin Fronteras  
Socorro ISD  
Solucion TB  
Southwest Keys  
Southwest Vote Registration Education Project  
Special Olympics  
Sunridge at Cambria

Sunridge Cielo Vista  
TAIP Treatment Center at Downtown and Ysleta  
TB Photovoice  
TEAM  
Texas A&M Colonias Program  
Texas Department of Family & Child Protective Services  
Texas Hunger Initiative  
Texas Juvenile Justice Center  
Texas rural Legal Aid (TRLA)  
Texas Youth Commisson  
Therapeutic Horsemanship of El Paso  
Tornillo ISD  
TurboVote  
U.S Marshall  
U.S Probation Department  
United Blood Services  
United Service Organization  
University Medical center Foundation  
Veteran Transitional Living Center  
Villa Maria  
Vista Hills Health Center  
VLTC Veteran Transitional Living center  
West Texas Regional Poison Control Center  
Women's Fund of El Paso  
Women's Intercultural Center  
YMCA/Bowling Family  
YMCA/Loya Family  
YMCA/Westside Family  
Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo  
Ysleta ISD  
Ysleta Library  
YUCCA Council Boy Scouts of America  
YWCA Paso del Norte Region

# CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

